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REPORT

TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststelle in Kuehlhausen

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REMARKS

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1. The former 7th VP Bereitschaft in Kuehlhausen received basic infantry training from October 1949 to May 1950. Artillery training was started in May 1950, when the VP Bereitschaft was issued two 75-mm AT guns, four model 18 light field howitzers, five model 18 heavy field howitzers and four or five heavy 150-mm infantry guns. In the fall of 1950, the unit received eight to ten Soviet 105-mm SP guns and four Soviet AT guns of about 80 mm caliber. In early December 1950, the 7th VP Bereitschaft was deactivated and merged with the former 8th VP Bereitschaft to become VP Dienststelle (VPD) 12/39, Kuehlhausen. The artillery pieces of the former 7th VP Bereitschaft had not been reassigned. *
2. Officer personnel of the VPD included VP Kommandeur Ernst, (fnu), commanding officer, who received instructions from the unit's Sovietnik; VP Rat Bierschenk, (fnu), PK officer; VP Rat Hempel, (fnu), GLD secretary; VP Oberkommissar Sosynski, (fnu), PDJ secretary; VP Rat Hotzki, (fnu), operations officer; VP Rat Plato, (fnu), director of training; VP Oberkommissar Gabriel, (fnu), assistant director of training; VP Rat Ohl, (fnu), chief of staff; VP Kommissar Pass, (fnu), personnel officer; VP Rat Lanort, (fnu), administrative officer; VP Kommissar Windhoefer, (fnu), rations supply officer; and VP Rat Engelhardt, (fnu), commanding officer of a Kommando. In VP Rat Engelhardt's Kommando, VP Oberkommissar Zink, (fnu), was commanding the headquarters platoon; VP Kommissar Holz, (fnu), commanding the 1st Abteilung; VP Kommissar Chladeck, (fnu), commanding the 2d Abteilung; and VP Meister Drewes, (fnu), commanding the 3d Abteilung.
3. VPD 12/39 in Kuehlhausen was quartered in a camp in a patch of woods north of the town. The camp was being enlarged at the end of January. 50X1-HUM

* Comment. If SP guns were actually issued they probably were SU-76 models.

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